Approved For Release 2000/09/11 : CIA-RDP80-00809A000500450279-1 U.S. Officials Only CONFIDENCIAL 1. 1 . . . CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT 25X1A COUNTRY Paraguay SUBJECT Description of Road from Asunción to Parana River 25X1A PLACE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE) DATE ACQUIRED DATE DISTR. 11-MAY 54 DATE (OF INFO.) 25X1X National Geographic maps show a read remains almost due east from Asunción to the Egnailian town of Forde Iguaci, but this read does not exist. We had a waigh idea of the route to be followed to reach Hernandarias, and despite the arging of all who knew we contemplated the trip, we did not take a mide. Very little information regarding our proposed route could: be obtained in Asurcian. We corride umple supplies of food and cambing ' equipment. Guns for protection as well as unnting were carried as we were told we night encounter bandits. Inasmuch as it was reported that no gasoline was available in the area where we were to trevel, we corried three aruns which contained about 120 gallions of gasoline. Following is a detailed account of the trip. The figures given are in miles as the speedometers on the vehicles were in miles. Kilometers are given When surker posts were encountered. U.S. Officials Only CONFIDENTIAL. 25X1A AIR HAVY This report is for the use which the USA at the Intelligence components of the Departments of Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the Approved For Release 2000/09/14 PCIARD P80 00809A060500450279-1

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O. Start

2.6 Zero km marker in Asunción from which distances in Faraguay are computed.

We left Asunción at 0500 7 Web 53, and for the first 110 miles we followed the "Ruta" (I know of no other identification) which is one of the two main highways in Paraguay. The first 50 miles of road are of asphalt and would compare roughly to a secondary (state, road in the US.

25. Village of Ypacarai (Yipicaray)

36.7 Village of Caacupe

48.4 Village " Barrero Grande

49.3 End of the asphalt read and beginning of a gravel road which was fairly well maintained, about like a county road in the US.

The land was gently rolling with an occasional small but fairly prominent hall. A fair portion of the land appeared to be under cultivation near Asunción. Land cultivation is done by such primitive means that it was difficult to determine whether land was cultivated or whether crops were powing wild. The amount of cultivated land decreases as one gets further away from Asunción. In this area most of the houses are of very paintive construction, usually consisting of one or two rooms with dirt floors, walls of poles plastered with mud, and thatched roofs. The roof usually extends beyond the house on one side to provide a shelter for outdoor cooking. Some houses had adobe walls in place of plastered poles. Invariably there was a beenive- or dome-shaped oven about three feet in dismeter in the backyard. (See photos 1 and 2).

67.0 Village of San José, population about 100. There is a small military post here.

74.2 Marker, 113 kms.

75.4 Stream.

77.6 Sream, flowing north.

81. Frail to left (to Caragnatay ?).

83 3 Frail to right (to Coronel Martinez ?).

86.2 Junction just south of Coronel Cviedo, turn right.

91.3 Marker, 140 kms.

95.9 Estarcia La : ciela on right.

98.7 Rio Teblcuary (spl?), 70 feet wide, crossed by a good highway bridge.

103.1 Road to right to Villarrica via Yataity).

107. Village of Moccayaty (Mbocayatih).

Mocesyaty has a population of about 200 and is laid out with a rectangular street plan. The streets are about 75 feet wide from building line to building line. Traffic must go through the town and it would be difficult to go around it.

Side trip to Villarrica south of Mocayaty.

108.8 Agriculture experiment station on left.

109.4 Stream.

Villarrica, a fair-sized town where we replentshed our gasoline supply. It has streets laid out in a rectangular pattern, and they are surfaced. It is the headquarters and supply center for the eastern area, 800 to one thousand population.

107. Leave Moocayaty, saing east.

108.5 Small stream, draining to northwest (Arroyo Dona Gervacia ?).

110.5 Round hill, 100 feet above road level, 300 yards to right.



- 110,9 Junction; the main gravel road continues eastward. The road to Hernandarias turns northeastward and is a dirt road with some grading. It is used quite frequently by three-ton trucks which go as far as Caaguazú. Houses are very infrequent after leaving Mbocayaty.
- 115.8 Village on left.
- 117.2 Ric Tebicuary, 50 feet wide, flowing west. It is orossed by a fairly good wooden bridge supported on wooden piles.
- Village Coronel Troche, entering forest area. 119.5
- 125.2
- Stream, draining east; logging operation.
 Village of Caaguazu. Graded roed ends. Entering range land area, 143.5 mostly open grassland with small forested areas. From here the road del ribrates to a mere trail and in the open range land, it is merely deep ruts worn by high-vineeled ox carts. The jeep became stuck many times on the high center of the road and had to be pulled off by winch and cable to a spot where its wheels could again grip the ground. Through the forest areas the trees had been cleared enough to allow the passage of one vehicle (see Photo 3). There were many mudholes where rain water stands continuously, and it was necessary to winch the vehicles through these places. Numerous small streams were encountered and the only bridges consisted or two half logs haid parallel across the streams and spaced to fit the wheels.
- Instituto Cacgráfico Militar (IGM) Monument # M27-PF-6 on right 153.9 side of read. It is a four-inch bronze tablet set in a concrete jost eight inches square and might inches high.
- 154.2 Small stream, drains east.
- 156.8 Small stream, draine cast.
- 161.2 Junction, turn right.
- 164.9 165.4 Creek, arains east.
- IGM Monument # W27-PF-12 on Left side of road.
- 169.3 Enter timber.
- 170.4 Leave timber.
- Creek, drains east, crossed by a small inclined treatle wooden 171..1 bridge in poor condition.
- TOM Monument on right at cattle corral. 171.3
- 177. Rio Yau, 10 feet wide, drains east. It is crossed by a very poor log bridge which is falling apart.
- 177.9
- Junction, read (to San Juaquim 7) enters from right.
 Village of Thu, population about 50. There is a hotel, a small "hospital" and facilities for radio communication here, We 178.2 arrived here about 1800, the major portion of the day having been spent traversing the last 35 miles. We went to the military post and presented a letter we had obtained from the General Staff of the Paraguayan Army requesting the extension of courtesies to us by military men. An armed soldier guard was posted over our camp which we located in a vacant space across the road from the military post.

We departed from Thi at 0630. The road for the next 70 miles took as through some of the best range land we had seen in Paraguay. It was gently rolling grassland with some small areas of forest. There appeared to be good forage, but we saw surprisingly few cattle. The area is very sparsely settled with only an occasional ranch house. Villagers in Thu told us there were rumors of bandits and cattle rustlers in this area.

Estencia Laguna Vera, owned by Emilio Langfahr who was very friendly 183. and invited us to stop and visit. The estancia has 5.625 hectares and 400 head of cattle including some Zebu cattle imported from Brazil.

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- iı -184.7 Swamp with quicksand, crossed by 300 feet of log corduroy road. Swamp with thick gumbo-like mud, crossed by 250 feet of cordu-185.1 rey read. Very rough and hard to cross. 185.4 Stream, 25 feet wide, drains east. 186. Shacks. (See Photo 4) 187: Enter tumber. 189:2 Dense woods. | Swamp of about 100 acres area, 100 yards to left. 198.2 Small clearing with corduroy road. 198.7 Clearing with swump which is crossed by a corduroy road. Small house to right of clearing. 199:3 Stream, drains east. 203.9 Clearing with horse on right, road very bad with many mudholes. enter ti 🕠 🤚 209.9 Clearing, road better. Estancia Bella Vista; it has a number of old buildings scattered 211.3 around a clearing. (See Photo 5) 214.9 Swamp crossed by cordercy road. 215.8 Stream, drains southeast, Log loading area. (See Photo: 6 - 11) 216.1 Gate and read junction, turn right. 218.6 Road to left. Looking southwest over plain. (See Photo 12) 220.2 date in fence running east-west. (See Photo 13) 222.7 223.3 Gate in fence and canel running east-west. Gate in febre running northeast-southeast. 225:7 226.1 date to fistar is los Palermos, house on left. (See Photo 14).
This estuncia is at the end of the telephone line from Hernandarias and has a telephone. A line of telephone poles parallels the road eastward. (See Photo 15) 229:1 Gate in feace ranning northwest-southeast. 232:3 Stream, three fest wide, drains west. Stream, two feet wide, drains west, excased by a poor bridge. 232:4 235: Enter timber! भ्राप्तः Icave Uphan 240.6 Acares Miver, 50 feet wide, those souldeast, good bridge. Fater timber. 212. 244.5 Stream three first wide, flows south, drosged by a good wooden bridge 30 feet long with a very long approach. Stream runs very wide and is full in the rainy season. Reginning of poorly graded road on east side of bridge, 245.7 Stream, two feet wide, flows south, crossed by a good bridge 30 feet long. Stream, 15 feet wide, flows south. Stream, three feet wide. 240.9 249.7 254.3

Village of Itaguyry has a military post (See Photo 16) and a small airfield. Beginning of fair road which is used for hauling <u>werba mate</u> in trucks and ox carts. (See Photo 17) Acaray River, 20 feet wide, flows south.

254.6 261.8 Stream, 10 feet wide, flows south.

263. Two small bridges over small streams. 264. Two small bridges over small streams.

270.1 Stream flows southwest.

273.1 Stream flows southwest

276.8 Stream flows southwest.

276.9 Scream flows southwest.

285.8 Stream 25 feet wide, flows southwest.

288.2 Leave timber.

290.2 Enter timber.

297.7 Leave timber.

308.2 Village of Hernandarias (See Photos 18 - 20). We arrived about 2100. There is a small hotel but the mayor of the village suggested that we camp in his lot where there was less chance of pilferage of our equipment.

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- 5. We intended ferrying our vehicles across the Acaray River to the village of Presidente Franco where new roads were to be built to serve a proposed colony of displaced Europeans. We found that a barge would have to be constructed to carry the trucks so rather than wait we hired a small boat to take us to Puerto Tacurupucu, about five miles down the river.
- 6. At Pwerte Tacurupucu, which is a port of entry for Paraguay, there is an extremely dilapidaved hand-operated marine railway for small bouts.

 (See Photo 21)
- 7. We crossed the Parana River here to the Brazilian side at Porto Bella Vista and then secured transportation by wagon to For do Iguacu 17 miles downstream. We the prosed the Iguazu River into Argentina to the town of Eva Peron from where we took a taxi to the Argentine hotel at Iguanu Falla. The Argentine authorities held our passports while we visited the falls and instructed us not to take any pictures of the town of Eva Peron.
- 8. To return we went back to Eva Perón where we engaged a motor launch to take us up the river to Facric Iacuraphet. At its junction with the Rio Iguazu, the Rio Farana is about two thousand feet wide. It is very fast flowing and the banks slope back at 30 to 55 degrees to a heighth of about 200 feet above the river. (See Photos 22 24). Just above the junction of the Rio Parana and the Rio Acaray, the two rivers care within 70 feet of each other and at this point (See Photo 25) the level of the Rio Acaray is 100 feet below that of the Parana. According to the map (USAF Preliminary Base, 131-A, Villarrica), there is a village at the north end of this narrow strip but this village is actually only a couple of small shacks.
- 9. When we arrived back at Hernandarias, a small plane arrived from Asunción and we chartered it in order to fly over Presidente Franco, and thence westerly along the road between the Acaray and Monday Rivers. This road winds through the timber for about 50 kms and our flight carried us about 75 kms west of Presidente Franco. This area is gently rolling land and is all heavily forested (See Photos 26 30). If the soil is satisfactory the area could probably be developed into good agricultural land when the forest is cheared.
- 10. The Paraguayan Government has plans to create a road from Coronel Oviedo via Caaguazú to the Parana River at its junction with the Iguazú River. This projected road would run in almost a straight line east and west and would serve as the communication link for a number of colonies to be established in the area. I do not believe the government intends to appropriate any money for the construction of this road, but it intends to rely upon future colonists in the area to construct it. In view of this I doubt that such a road will ever be constructed.

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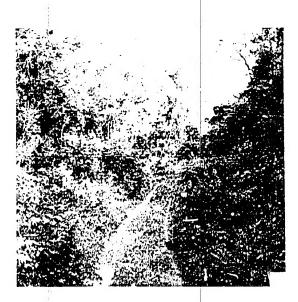
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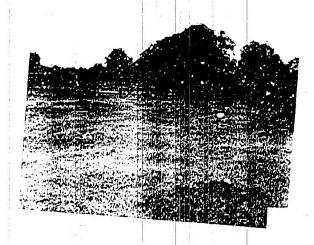
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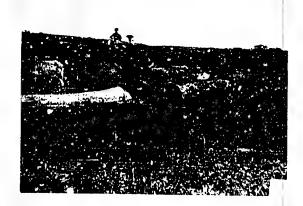
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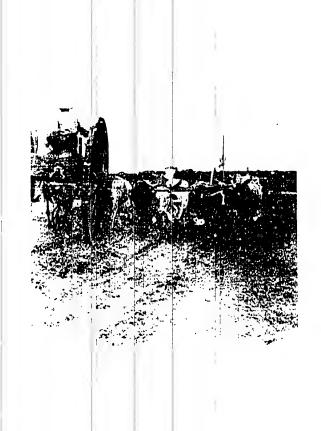
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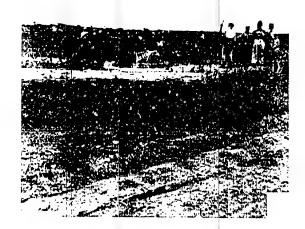
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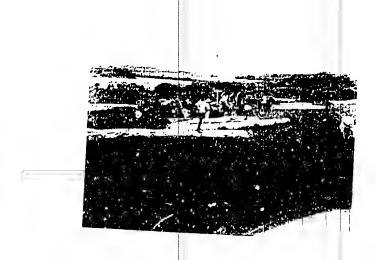
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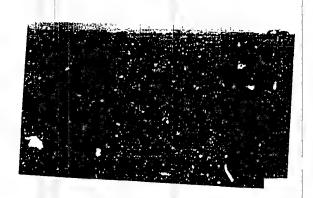
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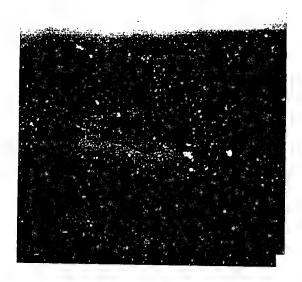
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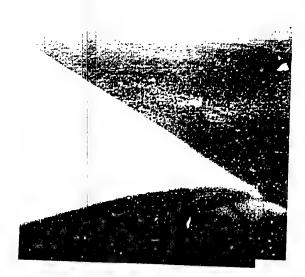
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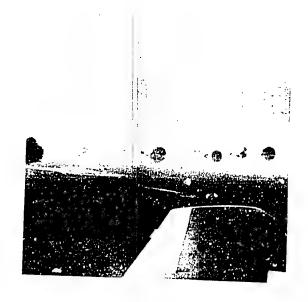
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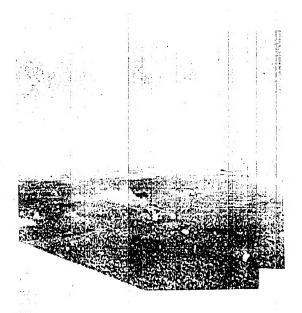
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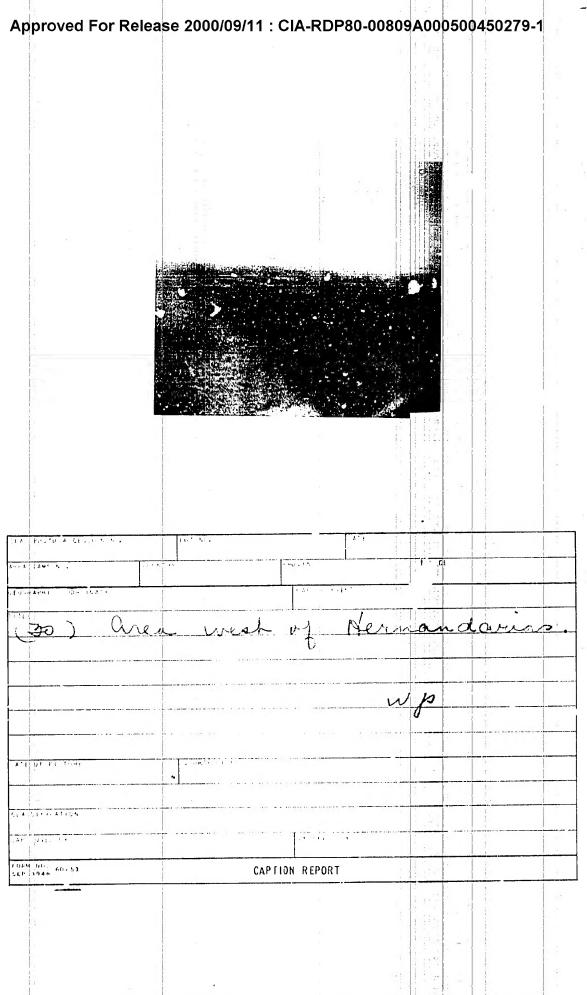
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